For these two reasons, I hold the adjournment motion out of order.

There is also another adjournment motion. It reads this :—

"I beg leave to move that the business of the House be now adjourned for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the serious situation which has arisen in the Chirayinkil taluk consequent upon the recent floods, one early this month and another four months back, which have devastated paddy cultivation and coconut plantations in and about the backwater region of the taluk."

I would again emphasise, for the careful attention and consideration of this House, the inevitable and unavoidable conditions which ought to precede an adjournment motion ; that is, there must be a matter of *urgent public* importance. I would lay considerable emphasis on the word *public*. In this case, the grievance urged relates to a small part of one taluk of the entire State. To hold that that is a matter of *urgent public* importance would be, I fear, ignoring the conditions precedent which are essential for the purpose of admitting motions for the adjournment of the House ; for, I regard the time of the House so important that it ought not to be diverted towards matters which do not come within the four corners of Rules and Regulations laid down.

I therefore disallow this motion also.

DEMAND FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

PRESIDENT : I have already explained the reasons for the absence of Mr. Truscott. The very first item relates to him. So, if the House has no objection, we will proceed to item No. 2—Education.

EDUCATION.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 5,310, under Education. This Demand consists of three items. I shall say a few words about each of them.

The first one is the contribution to the Travancore Boy Scouts Association, of Rs. 2,500. Sir, this Association had been, every year, getting from Government a grant of Rs. 5,000. This year the grant was reduced by one-half, namely, to Rs. 2,500. The State Scout Commissioner represented to Government that this reduction has made it practically impossible for the movement to be carried on. Sir, I have been connected with this movement since its inception in Travancore ; even now, I am an *ex officio* member of the Headquarters Council of the Association. I am convinced that it will be impossible for the Scout movement to do any tangible work in the State without a grant of at least Rs. 5,000 a year.

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*) : Why was the grant reduced ?

MR. C V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The Government felt that the Association should make strenuous efforts to retrench its headquarters establishment charges, and also tap other sources like public subscriptions and donations. The Association

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has made very earnest and strenuous efforts in both these directions. On the one hand, considerable retrenchment was effected. The salary of the Organising Secretary was reduced from Rs. 150 to Rs. 125. The establishment charges were reduced by about Rs. 500. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, President of the Association, sent out an appeal to the public, and attempts were made by the Headquarters Council to enrol subscribers and to collect donations. I am sorry to say, Sir, that the response to the appeal was not adequate.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): What was the amount collected?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The number of members increased by a few dozens.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): What is the amount of the donations received as a result of the appeal made by Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar?

MR C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I cannot give such details, Sir. Fortunately for this House, the Treasurer of the Association, Mr. Pattam Thanu Pillai, is here. He has been connected with the Association for many years and knows its finances far more intimately than I do. I trust and hope that he will support this Demand and also explain further details to this House.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): What is the budgetted expenditure for one year for this purpose?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I shall explain, Sir.

This sum of Rs. 2,500 will barely cover the pay of the Organising Secretary and the pay of the clerical staff of the Headquarters Council, and leave a balance of about Rs. 200. The result will be that the Organising Secretary will have very little to organise. We have an Organising Secretary to whom we pay Rs. 125 a month. We have some staff also. Sir, we must give this Secretary some money for his work. We must have enough money to carry on his work and also to give grants to the District Associations. He needs money for running camps, for running the Scout Magazine, etc. Every real activity of the organisation of the movement requires money.

SADASYA TILAKAN T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): Will the member be pleased to place before the House a very brief statement of what the Organising Secretary did in the previous years? Has he done any tangible work?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Sir, the Organising Secretary is the expert officer of the movement. He has to travel throughout the State, inspect the troops, give them directions and guidance, hold tests and give first and second class certificates and badges and run three or four training camps every year for training scout masters. In fact, he is the chief man in the movement,

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All of us, the State Commissioner, the Assistant Commissioner, are busy men. We can only assist him. He is the only whole-time man devoting all his time for the efficiency, expansion and development of the movement in the State.

Sir, it is all very well in theory to say that the Scout movement should be started and run entirely by non-official agency, that it should depend for its maintenance on public support. Nowhere is that the case in India. As a matter of fact, everywhere in British India, in every Indian State and British Indian Province, it is the Government that spends the money. In England and in other countries, public support has been forthcoming. That is because public sympathy with the movement is far more advanced in those countries than it is in India. The movement is only ten years old in Travancore. It is still in its infancy. It has to be admitted that it has not yet won popular sympathy and support. The Headquarters Council and the members of the movement as a whole are making very strenuous efforts to win public sympathy and support here also. We have recently appointed a committee for publishing Scout Books in the vernacular. We hope to interest the Vernacular Schools. We are trying to make the movement more popular. It is proposed to carry on steady and continuous propaganda to win public opinion in support of this movement.

Sir, the Scout movement is universally acknowledged to be a very important educative force. I am firmly convinced that, if the movement is properly carried on in the right spirit, it will be of immense educational value to the children of this land. It is universally admitted that this movement is an important character-building factor in education. We are spending, under Education, about Rs. 50 lakhs every year. We ought not to grudge just five thousand rupees for this movement which is universally recognised as a supplement to educational activity.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Director give us an assurance that, if this amount is sanctioned, the Vernacular Schools will not be troubled by the organisers of this movement?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) I do not understand the question. Our idea is to translate scout literature in Malayalam and thus make the movement more popular, to see that the spirit and meaning of the movement is understood by the masses of the people. I think it will be good for the country if the movement is spread in the Vernacular Schools also.

His Highness the Chief Scout takes a great deal of interest in this movement and attaches much importance to it.

SADASYA TILAKAN T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Urban*): I rise to a point of order, whether it is proper for the member to mention His Highness's name in connection with the discussion here?

PRESIDENT: No. There is also another ruling which I was feeling tempted to give. Considering the bulk of work before the House and considering also the fact that, besides the supplementary demands, we have yet to go through a large volume of legislative work, I think I

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have on this occasion to exercise my discretion for the purpose of fixing a time limit for every speech. I rule that every mover shall be allowed ten minutes and every other speaker five minutes. It is in that way that we can get through the work.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Sir, in the firm conviction that the scout movement is full of potentialities for the future and is fraught with great possibilities for the advancement of this country, I commend this grant to the House.

Now, coming to the appointment of a Research Chemist, I may say that this appointment is for conducting research work on indigenous medicinal plants with a view to exploring the possibilities of converting these plants into drugs and pharamaceutical preparations for use in our hospitals and dispensaries.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): May I know whether that is a part of the work of the Education Department?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The person who is to be appointed, Dr. P. Paramesvaran Pillai, is to work in the chemistry laboratory of the Science College under the administrative control of the Principal of the Science College. At present the matter is one of research. Dr. Paramesvaran Pillai is a Travancorean of whom we should all feel very proud. He has come to us with about ten years' experience in research work in the Indian Institute of Science, in Delhi and in the Presidency College. He has won golden opinions from outstanding scientists of the world. He was given the D. Sc. degree by the Madras University on the decision of three well-known scientists of England who reported that his thesis was of outstanding merit. Dr. Dey, his Professor and the Professor of Chemistry in the Presidency College, has certified that it is difficult to find his equal for this particular type of work in the whole of India. It is therefore with very great pleasure and pride that I move that this appointment be sanctioned. He has, as I said, won testimonials from Sir Martin Forster, the former Director of the Institute of Science, from Sir C. V. Raman, its present Director and from Mr Littlehales, the Vice-Chancellor of the Madras University.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether the expenditure should not go to the Medical Budget instead of to the Education Budget?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): As I explained, this is in the nature of research work.

PRESIDENT: Is it not expected that he would also deliver some lectures in the College?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes. Time permitting, he will also give lectures on chemical technology. In any case he has to work in the laboratory of the Science College with the facilities given to him by the Professor of Chemistry. If the results are fruitful, the research will be of very great economic value to the State and will save lot of money now spent on the im-

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portation of foreign drugs. If the results are not fruitful, the research will still be of scientific value.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): When did he apply?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): His application has been recommended by the Vice-Chancellor of the Madras University, Sir Martin Forester, ex Director of the Indian Institute of Science and others.

This provision, Sir, is for a pay of Rs. 150 per mensem for eight months in 1111.

Coming now, Sir, to the third item, the appointment of additional clerical staff in the offices of the Director of Public Instruction and the Inspecting Officers, the sum required is Rs. 1,610. Well, Sir, the reorganisation of the Inspectorate and the introduction of various reforms in the department were effected at very small cost. You will be surprised to hear that the reorganisation of the Inspectorate, the creation of four Divisional Inspectors where there were only two before, meant only Rs. 2,000 or Rs. 3,000 by way of clerical staff. What happened was that the clerical staff of the old Inspector of Vernacular Schools, of the Inspector of English Schools and of the Inspectress of Girls' Schools were split among the five offices. At the time when the distribution was made, the Divisional Inspectors said that the staff was quite insufficient and that they will not be able to cope with the vast amount of work thrown upon them as a result of the reorganisation. The former Director said 'I am not going to give you at present any additional staff. If experience shows that the present staff is not able to cope with the work, come to me again.' Experience has shown and from my own personal observations, I am convinced, that there is great delay and much congestion of work as a result of the inadequate staff now working in the offices of the Divisional Inspectors. Each Divisional Inspector has now got six clerks including one typist. One of these has always to be with the Inspector on circuit and there are only four clerks in the office. The account work is enormous. The Accountant has to check all the bills received from all the schools in the Division, he has to check all the monthly returns and the D. C. B. statements. He has to keep accounts of fee concession bills, scholarship bills and so on. For accounting work alone each office requires at least three men. The present proposal is that each Divisional Inspector is to get one clerk more and the Divisional Inspector at Trivandrum, who has got a very much larger number of schools and a wider jurisdiction will get two clerks. With regard to the Inspectress, she had, before the reorganisation, ten clerks; but, since the strength was reduced to six, she has been complaining that the work is too heavy. Unlike the Divisional Inspectors, she has got jurisdiction over the whole State and a large number of English schools. Each English school is worth about six or seven primary schools in the matter of inspection work and therefore it is proposed to give her also one additional clerk. The Assistant Inspectress has got about one hundred

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Vernacular Schools under her. The departmental schools mean so many pay bills and contingent bills to be passed by her. Her work is very very heavy and she has therefore to be given one clerk. In that way, seven clerks are provided for.

As regards three more clerks for the office of the Director of Public Instruction, they are not newly to be appointed, but only to be restored The three clerks, who were there in 1110, were disbanded at the close of the year because their appointment was only temporary. As a result of that, two or three important sections in my office are suffering seriously. The Financial section, the English section and the Examination section are behind hand in work and they all require at least one clerk each. The establishment charges have been kept down to the barest minimum in spite of the very important reforms and innovations that have been introduced and it is the barest minimum that I am asking for when I say that the three clerks who were in existence in 1110 may be continued.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): Sir, may I suggest that these items be allowed to be discussed and voted upon separately.

PRESIDENT: To save time they might be discussed together, though they may be voted upon separately.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): Am I to understand that I will be allowed only five minuts to discuss all these three items?

PRESIDENT: Yes.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): I have to submit that I want to support the first two of them and oppose the last. With regard to the Travancore Boy Scouts Association, Sir, I would never have attempted to make a speech. Being the Honorary Treasurer of the Association, it would not be quite proper to avail myself of the position to plead on behalf of the Association. But since my name has been mentioned by the Government Member, the honourable members would like to hear what I have to say. It is for this House to decide whether the Scout movement should be promoted. I am not here to urge upon this House the desirability of promoting it. If it is considered by the House that the movement should be promoted, then I can clearly tell the members that the amount asked for is quite necessary. A grant of Rs. 5,000 was given by Government annually, but for some reason or other, probably on the recommendation of the Director of Public Instruction, Government reduced the amount to one-half. When this fact was intimated to the Association, the Association came to the conclusion that, in spite of the retrenchment they could effect in the running of the Association, they could not get on without Rs. 5,000. We have cut the pay of the Organising Secretary and his staff to the extent of Rs. 500 per annum. Still the expenditure on account of them is about Rs. 2,500.

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MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know from the member whether it is absolutely necessary to have a full-time Organising Secretary?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum —Rural*): The Association decided, after fully considering the matter, that a full-time Secretary was essential at the present stage of the movement.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether there are not teachers who have obtained the same qualifications as the present Organising Secretary and whether they could not be asked to attend to this work in addition to their normal work?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): It would be impracticable.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESWARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): May I know who is the Organising Secretary?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Mr. Ramabhadra Aiyangar and he is a qualified man. If this House decides that the movement should be encouraged then I think it will be too much for this House to go into the matter and suggest, changes in the details of the working. So I would humbly submit to the House that if they are for encouraging the movement, the amount asked for may be sanctioned.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): What is the expenditure budgetted for the Association?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): I may submit to the House that we have provisionally budgetted for the entire sum of Rs. 5,000 in the hope that this House and the Government will be pleased to grant us the additional sum of Rs. 2,500.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Has no other collection been made?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): As was mentioned by the Director of Public Instruction, the collection is very meagre. We have got about Rs. 50 by way of donation and Rs. 300 to Rs. 400 on account of sale of badges.

PRESIDENT: Do not tarry long on a matter you are supporting, as your time is very nearly up.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): I believe the Chair will be a bit indulgent to me. I think it is unnecessary for me to speak for the Association.

As regards the second item, I have nothing to say against it and I agree to the appointment.

As for the third, I am clearly opposed to a major portion of the amount now asked for. I may submit that in regard to the offices of the four Divisional Inspectors, I am not quite sure if I can completely oppose it, because I too feel that the work in the Divisional Inspectors' offices at present really requires some strengthening of the staff. I very strongly oppose the other portion of the demand, that is, the appointment of additional staff in the offices of the Director of Public

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Instruction, the Inspectress and the Assistant Inspectress. I have no objection as regards the Divisional Inspectors. Before the re-organisation, the expenditure in that office was Rs. 22,000. Now it has gone up to Rs. 34,000.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): On a point of explanation, Sir; the figures are entirely wrong. In 1108, it was Rs. 16,000; in 1109 it was Rs. 18,000 in 1110 it was Rs. 20,400. For 1111 it is a thousand rupees less.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Does it include office contingencies and other expenses?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Everything, Sir. So that as a result of the re-organisation, the increase was Rs. 2,000 of which Rs. 1,000, was cut down by the abolition of these three clerks.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Anyhow the re-organisation has taken place. Government had considered the necessity for the increase of the clerks and they have not allowed it.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): May I point out that I am not asking for more clerks? I am asking only for the clerks who have been taken away.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): I am speaking with reference to these clerks who have been taken away. The Inspectress has only 40 English Schools. The Director says that the Vernacular Schools are being inspected by the Divisional Inspectors. The Divisional Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors have altogether over 3,000 Vernacular Schools and 230 English Schools. That works out on an average to 57 English Schools and about 825 Vernacular Schools for each Inspector. Compared with that, the work of the Inspectress is very light. She has got only 40 English Schools and the supervision, *not control*, of the Vernacular Girls' Schools. It is not after all much, because she does not understand the Vernacular Language. So there is absolutely no case for the Inspectress. As for the Assistant Inspectress, she has got only about 97 Vernacular Schools.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): She has got only 2 clerks.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): The other Assistant Inspectors have got about 100 schools under them. I wonder why there should be a change so far as the Assistant Inspectress is concerned.

SADASYA TILAKAN T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): Sir, I wish to support the first two items of the Demand. With regard to the last, I have not made up my mind.

With regard to the first item, namely, the demand for the Boy Scout movement, the position of Government deserves more of sympathy

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than of commendation. Through their ignorance and indifference, they have strutted into a position from which they now want to sneak out. It is only a few months since the budget was passed by this House. Nothing very exceptional or extraordinary has happened since then. The Scout movement is respected and encouraged throughout the world. Great Princes and Lords are connected with that movement as well as the ordinary people. At the time the budget was framed, the authorities concerned should not have forgotten that they would be called upon to discharge certain responsibilities. I am very sorry to state that this policy of Government, when graphically represented on paper, will show so many rises and falls. It is without any method. In spite of the fact that there are very many responsible people who are in the Committee of the Scout Association, the amount of donations collected, as testified to by my distinguished friend Mr. Thanu Pillai, is Rs. 50 only.

If the members would do their level best, I am sure more money could be collected. I do not want to blame them. It is absolutely necessary that the Government should lend their financial support. The money, however, ought to be utilised in the proper manner. So far as I can see, the Scout movement is becoming a nine-days' wonder. Once or twice when there is a rally, they take interest in the movement and for the rest of the time, they forget it. Considering the fact that the work done is so noble, and the encouragement so steady, I hope the gentlemen who are connected with the movement will do everything necessary. I know that the present President, Dr. Simpson, is taking much interest. To the world outside, it may seem that this House is not prepared to grant this demand.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the honourable member was present for the Scout Rally?

SADASYA TILAKAN T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): I am expected to attend every important function in this town and in this State. I did attend and I have been attending on previous occasions also. The question did not appear to be relevant, Sir; but, because you did not disallow it, I answered it.

PRESIDENT: The honourable member is at liberty to decline to answer it. He need not answer every question put to him.

SADASYA TILAKAN T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum— Urban*): I did not want to refuse to answer that question.

It should not be understood that this House is not prepared to give its support to good causes.

With regard to the second item of the Demand, the name of the person to be appointed was not quite essential because mention of the personnel is always troublesome. But in this particular case, there were so many testimonials for this man that Mr. Chandrasekharan did not find any difficulty in choosing him. Otherwise the mention of names will always create difficulty. It is quite necessary we should have researches made.

I support these two items.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Sir, I oppose the third item of the Demand. I do so not because I am in a position to assure the House from personal knowledge that there is not enough work in the offices of the Inspectors and the Director to justify this demand. When this Reforms scheme came into existence in 1109, it was working without this staff. It was also working in 1110. If there was any difficulty with regard to the staff, the Director could have moved the Government and got it included in the Budget. Nothing seems to have happened during these three months of this year to induce the Director to ask for it.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): On a point of explanation; Sir; the Director did write to the Government. The Government took the same view as the honourable member. But after further consideration, Government were convinced of the necessity and have come forward with this demand.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): If the Government thought that this amount need not be included in the Budgets of 1109, 1110 and 1111, I cannot understand what induced the Government to bring forward a supplementary demand so soon for an ordinary item of expenditure, disallowed only three months back. This mode of asking for supplementary grants for small items which could have been anticipated and which could afford to wait till the next Budget Session, should not be encouraged. Anyhow the whole thing requires closer scrutiny and the work of the staff in the Department has to be considered as a whole. On this ground, I oppose it.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Sir, I also oppose the third item. At the time when the re-organisation was brought up before this House, one observation made by Mr. Statham was that the re-organisation will not involve Government an additional expenditure. He assured us that he will be able to manage these four Inspectors' offices with the staff then available. But reasons were urged before this House for the creation of certain offices, especially the office of the Financial Assistant, the Manager and the Personal Assistant. On a further assurance that no more staff will be necessary for the work to be carried on by these Inspectors, we sanctioned the re-organisation.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): A word of personal explanation, Sir. The question of staff was not considered then.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Everything was considered. There is a bad habit for Heads of Departments to make an assurance at one time and get the consent of the House for new proposals. After some time, they come forward with a request for half-a-dozen clerks and a small sum of money for contingencies and for certain trivial matters. It goes on like that. This House is thereby induced to commit itself more and more. The final result will be inconsistent with the initial promise. That is the first reason why I oppose this demand.

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The second reason is that it is brought forward in the shape of a supplemental demand. If the Director of Public Instruction was not able to convince Government during the 11 months of 1110, I suspect that Government have acceded to his request because.—

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): During 1110, we had that staff. It was reduced only in 1111.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): It was because after a scrutiny of their work, Government were satisfied that the further continuance of the staff was unnecessary.

I wonder how the Director was able to convince Government, during the last two months, of the absolute necessity of continuing the staff which the Government at one time thought was unecessary. It can only be a fair concession made by Government to the insistence with which a departmental head has made his request. Government, who could not be satisfied of the necessity after one year's test, could not be expected to have become fully satisfied during two months' correspondence.

A third reason I would urge is this and that relates, no doubt, to a portion of the demand. That is about the staff for the office of the Inspectress of Schools as well as the Assistant Inspectress of Schools, The Assistant Inspectress of Schools, I submit, is not in any position better than an Assistant Inspector of Schools. As regards the Inspectress of Schools, I have my own doubts whether the present office is in need of additional staff in view of the prevalent opinion that this is an institution which must sooner or later die out—I mean the Rosemeyer institution. The lady teachers and the girl students who are reading in thousands in the Primary Schools of the State are being well cared for and well attended to by the male Inspectors. I am not in a position to see what difference there is between a female teacher in a Primary School and a female teacher in a Middle School. Mr. Statham, no doubt, stated that we must keep these two institutions separately for the present, and hence the retention of the Rosemeyer institution. But as one year has elapsed since Mr. Statham's proposals have been given effect to, it is no longer necessary to make that invidious distinction any further and maintaining it. It is high time that the work of the Assistant Inspectress and her Assistant is distributed between the various Divisional Inspectors and their Assistants and the work carried on.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Is the member aware that this Inspectress of Schools is responsible for multiplying unnecessary correspondence ?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): I am not conversant with the details. From what I hear, there is a lot of truth in it.

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MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*) : സർ, ഒന്നാം മുന്നാം അദ്ധ്യ ത്മനകാളെ ഞാൻ എതുക്കുന്നു. ബായിസ് സ്കൗട്ട് എന്നു പറയുന്ന സ്ഥാപനം വളരെ ആദരണീയമായിട്ടുള്ളതു തന്നെ. എന്നാൽ തല സ്ഥാന നഗരിയിലും മറു പ്രധാനപ്പെട്ട നഗരങ്ങളിലും താമസിക്കുന്ന മുതുക്കം ചില ആളുകൾക്കു മാത്രമേ അതിൽ താൽപര്യം കാണുകയുള്ളു. തിരുവിതാംകൂറിന്റെ ഇന്നത്തെ നിലക്കു കൃഷിക്കാരായ അനേകം ആളുകൾ കഷ്ടപ്പെട്ടും, അനേകം ആളുകൾ തൊഴിലില്ലാതെ വലഞ്ഞും, വാങ്ങിയ കടം തിരിയെ കൊടുക്കുന്നതിനു നിവൃത്തിയില്ലാതെ സങ്കടപ്പെട്ടും, കഴിയുന്ന അവസരത്തിൽ അവർ വിയർത്തൊഴുകി കഷ്ടപ്പെട്ടുണ്ടാക്കി ഖജനാവിലേക്കയക്കുന്ന പണത്തിന്റെ ഒരു ഓഹരി ഈ സ്ഥാപനത്തിലേക്കു കൊടുക്കാമോ എന്നാണ് ഇവിടെ ആലോചിക്കേണ്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നതു്. പൊതുജനങ്ങളുടെ പ്രയാസങ്ങളെയും കഷ്ടതകളെയും പരിഹരിക്കുന്നതിനായി ഏതു വിധത്തിൽ പണം വിനിയോഗിക്കാമെന്നുള്ളതിനെപ്പറ്റി ആലോചിക്കുന്നതായിരിക്കും ഉത്തമമായിട്ടുള്ളതു്. സകലവിധ സുഖാനുഭവങ്ങളോടുകൂടി ജീവിതം കഴിക്കുന്ന ആളുകളുടെ ഉദാരപൂർവ്വമായ സഹായസഹകരണം കൊണ്ടുവേണം ഈ മാതിരി സ്ഥാപനങ്ങൾ നടത്തേണ്ടതു്. അങ്ങിനെയുള്ള സഹായസഹകരണങ്ങൾ വളരെ തുച്ഛമായിട്ടേ ഉണ്ടാകുന്നുള്ളു എന്നു ഇവിടെ ഡയറക്ടർ പ്രസ്താവിക്കുകയുണ്ടായി. അതിനുള്ള കാരണം ഈ സ്ഥാപനത്തിലുള്ള ഏതോ ചില കുഴപ്പങ്ങളാണെന്നു വേണം വിചാരിക്കുവാൻ. അങ്ങിനെയുള്ള കുഴപ്പങ്ങൾ ഒന്നുമില്ലായിരുന്നുവെന്നുവരുകിൽ തീർച്ചയായിട്ടും ഇതിനോടു താൽപര്യമുള്ളവർ അതിനാവശ്യമുള്ള പണം ധാരാളമായി കൊടുത്തു വേണ്ടവിധം അതിനെ സഹായിക്കുമായിരുന്നു. ഇതിനുംപുറമേ ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്റെ സഹായംകൊണ്ടു മാത്രം നടത്താൻ വിചാരിക്കുന്ന ഈ സ്ഥാപനത്തിന്റെ ചെലവിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു യാതൊരു ഉത്തരവാദിത്വവും ഉള്ളതായി കാണുന്നില്ല. ഈ സ്ഥിതിയിലിരിക്കുന്ന ഒരു സ്ഥാപനത്തിന്റെ ചെലവു മുഴുവൻ ഗവർണ്മെൻറുതന്നെ വഹിക്കണമെന്നു പറയുന്നതു് ഒരിക്കലും ന്യായമായിട്ടുള്ളതല്ല. ഈ സ്ഥാപനത്തിന് ഏതെങ്കിലും ധനസഹായം ചെയ്യുമ്പോൾ അതിനെ ആസ്പദമാക്കി ധനസഹായത്തിനപേക്ഷിക്കുന്ന മറു സ്ഥാപനങ്ങൾക്കും ധനസഹായം ചെയ്യേണ്ടിവരുന്നതാണു്. ഈ കാരണങ്ങളാൽ സ്കൗട്ട്സ് അസോസിയേഷന് ധനസഹായം ചെയ്യണമെന്നുള്ള അപേക്ഷ സ്വീകാര്യമല്ലെന്നാണെന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം.

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മൂന്നാമത്തെ അഭ്യർത്ഥന എന്റെ ചില മാന്യമിത്രങ്ങൾ ഇവിടെ പ്രസ്താവിച്ചതുപോലെ ഒരു പുതിയ ആവശ്യമല്ല. ബഡ്ജറു തയാറാക്കിച്ച അവസരത്തിൽ അതിനെപ്പറ്റി നല്ലവണ്ണം ആലോചിക്കാമായിരുന്നു. അതിനെപ്പറ്റി ആലോചിച്ചതിൽ അനാവശ്യമാണെന്നു കണ്ടു നിഷേധിച്ചതിനെയാണ് ഇപ്പോൾ പുതിയ ആവശ്യമായിപറഞ്ഞു് എഡ്യൂക്കേഷൻ ഡയറക്ടർ കൊണ്ടുവന്നിട്ടുള്ളതു്. ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ ജോലിക്രൂടുതൽ ആണു് അതിനു കാരണമായി പറയുന്നതു് എഡുക്കേഷൻ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ ജോലി ചെയ്യുന്ന അദ്ധ്യാപകന്മാർ കാലത്തു ഒൻപതരമണി മുതൽ വൈകിട്ടു നാലു മണിവരെ ജോലി ചെയ്തു വരുന്നുണ്ടു്. എന്നാൽ ആഫീസുകളിൽ പത്തു മണിമുതൽ അഞ്ചു മണിവരെ മാത്രമേ ജോലി ചെയ്യുന്നുള്ളൂ. അതുപോരാ അവരെക്കൊണ്ടു കൂടുതൽ ജോലി ചെയ്യിക്കയാണെങ്കിൽ യാതൊരു കുടിശികയും കൂടാതെ എല്ലാ ജോലികളും തീർക്കാവുന്നതാണു്. കൂടുതൽ ജോലിയുണ്ടെന്നുള്ള കാരണത്തിന്മേൽ അതിനുവേണ്ടി കൂടുതൽ പണം ചെലവു ചെയ്യാൻ പാടുള്ളതല്ല. കൂടുതൽ ജോലി ചെയ്യുന്നില്ലെങ്കിൽ അതിനു തക്കണിയുള്ളവരെ നിയമിച്ചു് കുടിശികകൂടാതെ ഇപ്പോൾ ഉള്ളവരെക്കൊണ്ടു ജോലി നടത്താമോ എന്നു പരീക്ഷിച്ചു നോക്കേണ്ടതാണു്. അങ്ങിനെ പരീക്ഷിച്ചുനോക്കിയതിനുശേഷം കുടിശിക വരുന്നുവെന്നു കാണുന്നുവെങ്കിൽ അപ്പോൾ അതിനെപ്പറ്റി ആലോചിക്കാവുന്നതാണു്.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : We have allowed the Education Department to work out a very elaborate scheme. Before it was asked to execute that scheme, the members scrutinised it and the financial aspect was considered in detail. Then we thought that scheme would be one of the most important measures which the Government would like to adopt. The member in charge of that scheme, when it was brought before the House for discussion, assured the House that he would exercise the greatest prudence in carrying out the proposals.

The financial implications of the scheme were considered with the greatest vigilance. Then we allotted about 50 lakhs of rupees for the working of that scheme. It was being worked out till the end of last year. We were allowing the department so many clerks and other subordinates for the successful working of the scheme.

With the beginning of this year, it was considered by the Head of the Department whether it would be possible to bring down expenditure further and consequently a retrenchment of three clerks was adopted. Evidently that was only as a temporary measure. And the department worked with such reduced staff for three months. Then it was found that they had to be restored, and today in order to do justice to the scheme adopted by the House and sanctioned by Government, it is

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[Mr. E. V. Krishna Pillai.]

quite necessary and essential that these three clerks should be restored The amount now asked for is only Rs. 1,610. It will be seen also that the honourable members are agreeable for allowing some clerks and the result is that the amount further gets itself reduced by a few hundreds of rupees. When this is the convenience which we are called upon by the Government member to allow for the working of a scheme for which we have already allowed 50 lakhs of rupees, we should not object to it now. When we ask for the results of the scheme in time, certainly the Government member should not be allowed to say "I asked for 100 rupees in connection with some expenditure which you refused. There is so much of difficulty for working out the scheme." Therefore by standing against this proposal, we will only be cutting the ground under our feet. We will be getting ourselves under an estoppel when the ultimate results are going to be achieved. Under the circumstances, it is wiser for the House to readily agree to the proposal made by the Director.

PRESIDENT: Before continuing further discussion on this grant, I think I may inform the honourable members that I have received two cut motions, token cuts, for admission in regard to some items on the agenda of to-day. I may inform the House at once that I have disallowed both the cut motions. What surprises me most is the pertinacity with which these token motions are being tabled in this House in spite of the fact that times out of number the Chair has given a ruling that no cut motions are admissible on supplementary demands.

I will only remind the House that, even at its last session, a similar question came up and the Chair had then to draw the attention of the House to three previous rulings that have been given on the same matter and I shall read to you this small relevant portion.

> "It has repeatedly been held from the Chair that these token motions are not at all admissible when supplementary demands are before the House. Indeed from the proceedings, the honourable member himself could have gathered that the rulings of the Chair were delivered on no less than three different occasions and are to be found at pages 224, 805 and 807 of Vol. II of the Proceedings of the Travancore Sri Mulam Assembly."

A fourth time a similar ruling was given and this is the fifth time. So, I would beg of honourable members to remember the ruling given by the Chair and that there should be no attempt on the part of honourable members to circumvent that ruling by bringing similar cut motions again and compelling the Chair to go on delivering the same ruling.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): It might have been due to ignorance.

PRESIDENT: I only appeal to the honourable members to help the Chair.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the Chair whether they are cut motions or token motions?

PRESIDENT: Token motions.

The House will now adjourn as it is 1 O'clock.

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The House adjourned for lunch at 1 P. M. and met again at 2 P. M., the Deputy President presiding.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Sir, I support all the items under the demand. If only my friends in this House realise the exact situation of the Travancore Boy Scouts Association, I am sure all will agree with me in allowing not only the contribution that the Director of Public Instruction now asks for but also any amount as contribution towards the development of that movement in Travancore. The Scouts Association in Travancore exists for the good of the country. There is no other organisation anywhere in Travancore or anywhere else that can serve the God, the King and the Country so well. We know of the unhealthy and unhappy situation that we are confronted with in our country. There is personal animosity; there are religious quarrels; and there is communal rivalry. In order to overcome all these unwholesome animosities, quarrels and rivalries and to have a free air, healthy atmosphere and happy relationship between man and man, the Scouts organisation must be improved and developed; and hence the demand that the Director of Public Instruction has now made. It is only modest; and we must support it entirely.

The second item is with regard to the appointment of a Research Chemist. About the officer for the post and about his qualification, the Director of Public Instruction has already explained to us and I hope everybody would readily agree with the request made by the Director.

The last item is with regard to the appointment of additional clerical staff in the offices of the Director of Public Instruction and the Inspecting Officers. As a result of the recent reorganisation of the Department, it is a known fact the work in these offices has increased to a very large extent and especially so in the Director's Office; and it is impossible to carry on the administration of the office without additional hands. Moreover, it was explained by the Director that it was not his fault that this amount was not included in the Budget when it was framed and presented to this House. This subject was under correspondence during that period and the special staff given was only temporary. As it was temporary, it had to be disbanded; and he now requests that that staff should be given back to him and that the correspondence took some time, so much so that the Director is compelled to make this demand only at this time. For these reasons, I support all the three items of the Demand.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): Sir, I wish to say a word by way of explanation. I referred to certain figures during the discussion of this demand and the Director contradicted them. What I meant to say was that the expenditure incurred on account of his office excluding his pay is Rs. 34,000 odd, while that expenditure in the year 1106 was Rs. 22,000. In dealing with this matter, what matters is the expenditure on account of this office. He referred only to the expenditure of his clerical establishment. He used it technically excluding the expenditure for his Assistants.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: So you stand by your figures?

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*) : Yes. And they are quite relevant.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The question of relevancy does not arise. I allowed you.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*) : I am correct. When I referred to the establishment charges, it was not only for the clerks but for all the officers in the staff. So my figures are correct.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The motion before the House is about clerical staff, and therefere my figures are the only relevant figures.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : All that the House is concerned with is whether the figures given by Mr. Thanu Pillai are correct. With regard to arguments and inferences, I am not prepared to allow any statement or explanation. So Mr. Chandrasekharan will be at liberty to say that the figures that he quoted are correct. If they are correct, that statement may be made and when Mr. Thanu Pillai was speaking that is why I suggested that no argument of relevancy is called for.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : Sir, I oppose the first and the third items in the demand. I do not oppose the first item on the ground alleged by Mr. N. E. Varughese that the Scout movement is an unnecessary movement doing no good to any one. On the other hand, I do hold the view that it is a movement full of potentialities and which is of immense benefit to the youth of the country if it is well directed. But then what has transpired during the period between the last budget session and this session when we are sitting in this Assembly to consider the question of additional grants to justify such a demand passes my comprehension. The member told us that he recommended for a grant of Rs. 5,000 and Government refused to accept the recommendation and sanctioned only half the amount. It is the very same Government that brought forward the budget demands that exist today.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I fail to appreciate it. I do not understand what the member meant by saying that "it is the very same Government." The Travancore Government is a very ancient institution.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Sir, I never stated that the Department asked for Rs. 5,000 and Government sanctioned Rs. 2,500.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I am very glad that Mr. Chandrasekharan has given that explanation ; for ordinarily it will be quite wrong on the part of the officer representing the Government to say what he did and what the Government did not do. I am therefore very glad that the official member has come forward and said that a thing did not take place.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : If that is the case, I should like to ask the member why such a demand was not made at the time of the last budget discussion. What has transpired during this period in order to justify a demand at this juncture ? I am in full

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sympathy with the movement. I was also connected with the movement for some time back. I do not say that the Scout movement does not deserve any encouragement from Government. But my only objection is that the supplementary demand is not justified. I think this amount can be made up by the Government and the responsible public joining hands to collect funds required for the movement. I think it will not be a failure if proper attempt in that direction is made. In Travancore, in recent years, large sums of money have been collected for purposes not only inside Travancore but also for purposes outside Travancore. So I do not think it is an impossible task to collect Rs. 2,500 if both official and non-official gentlemen unite together and direct their energies in the matter.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member his idea as to how the amount must be collected?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: That question does not arise. This House is not now concerned with the way in which amounts should be collected.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): If the Scout movement is well directed and if propaganda work is done and if the public is enlightened as to the benefits that may be derived if the movement is encouraged, then of course I do not think that there is any difficulty for raising the fund. I do not think that there was a difference of opinion in regard to provision of funds for the movement between the Finance Committee last time and the new Committee. If it were so, the member making the demand could have enlightened the House on the circumstances under which he could not make the demand during the last budget session; and that he has been now in a position to make the demand, as the new Finance Committee has accepted the demand. But, as it is, we are led to believe that it was not brought before the Finance Committee when it sat to consider the budget last time. I do not know whether the whole amount demanded now has been sanctioned by the new Finance Committee either.

Coming to the second item, I have no objection to support it because it is an urgent demand and cannot wait till the next budget session; nor could it have been included in the last budget because the available candidate was found only now and because his appointment could bring to the State enormous advantages. The candidate of whom the Director himself speaks in glorious terms and who has earned high opinions from such eminent scientists and educationists as Sir C. V. Raman and Mr. Littlehales deserves encouragement, and no time should be lost to avail of his services for the economic advantage of the State.

Coming to the next item, I ask why should the member think that it is only now that such a contingency arose? What are the peculiar circumstances that have necessitated such an increase in the staff since the budget session? The Director has not made out his case. And so far as his statement goes, we cannot, with any amount of justification, approve the demand. With these words, I oppose the third item of the demand also.

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MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Sir, the demand comprises three heads and the last of them comprises a number of sub-heads. With reference to the first item of the demand, the encouragement of the Scout movement, now is not the time to consider the policy underlying it, inasmuch as Rs. 2,500 has already been allowed in support of that movement. Having done so, the House is being now told that it is insufficient to meet the requirements of the movement. No question of policy can be considered now; and we have somehow to allow this Rs. 2,500, however much we may remain unconvinced of the utility of the movement.

Then, with regard to the second item, it is a laudable idea that the learned Director of Public Instruction has entertained to examine the possibilities of research in the field of medicinal herbs available in the State. My only apprehension is that, if we allow this grant, it would prove the thin end of a wedge and if not the Director of Public Instruction, some one else will come up for additional grants, in as much as, I am quite sure, the Chemical Laboratory attached to the Science College in Trivandrum will be quite inadequate for the operations of an expert in research work. Additional equipment, appliances chemicals, etc., will be found necessary and that is the only apprehension I feel about this demand.

With regard to the third item, personally speaking, I have very great objection to add to the existing staff from time to time in any Department. I have given expression to that in this House on other occasions. But all the same, here is a plea based on the exigencies of the Department compelling the departmental head to bring in a demand for additional staff. In the present instance, the demand itself is based *prima facie* upon an unequal basis. There are four Divisional Inspectors. Three of them require only one additional clerk. Trivandrum Division requires two clerks, I ask why? The learned Director has anticipated me and said that he has more English Schools under his supervision.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): More schools of every description, nearly double the number in Muvattupuzha Division for instance and more than 40 per cent. in Tiruvalla.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): If so, it strikes me, Sir, that there must be a re-distribution of the whole clerical staff under these Divisional Inspectors. Taking the statement of the Director, the Muvattupuzha and the Tiruvalla Divisions are entitled only to a lesser number of clerks proportionately. Therefore a few clerks might be taken from those Divisions and given to the Trivandrum Division Inspector. In that way a re-arrangement of the clerical staff may be attempted in the first instance. If, on the other hand, we are to treat all Divisional Inspectors alike, one clerk may, as a concession, be given to each of these Inspectors.

Coming to the Inspectress of Schools with whom, as may be seen from the previous proceedings of this House, the high-water mark of

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feminine popularity in public service is associated, I cannot really understand how she stands in need of any assistance, in view of the number of schools under her control since that is the criterion to be applied. If inequality may be resorted to, it has to be resorted to there. As for the Director, one can really understand his troubles because he has direct knowledge of the capacity of his staff working directly under him. But we have to remember this fact. The pay of his establishment had been revised considerably to their advantage. Their pay, promotion and prospects have been increased under the scheme introduced by Mr. Statham and considerable expense is being borne by the State on account of such staff.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Does the member realise that standardisation has taken place?

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): They suffer to some extent under the axe of Mr. Thommen, if I may say so.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: We are not aware of any standardisation by Mr. Thommen. It is the standardisation order passed by the Government.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): He is the man who supplied the axe; the Government only applied it.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: It was ratified by the Government. So it is the Government's axe.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether Mr. Thommen was not himself the axe?

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): You may consider him in that light, if you please. (*Laughter*). Now anyhow Mr. Thanu Pillai challenges the figures of Mr. Chandrasekharan; and in view of the challenge, no case is made out for the increment of the staff by the Director of Public Instruction. In spite of all these things, there is this demand made by the Director who says that 50 lakhs of rupees placed at his disposal cannot be properly operated upon on account of defects here and there. We have to mend the machinery so that we may have the full benefit of the 50 lakhs of rupees. That is the position. Though, personally speaking, I have considerable hesitation in accepting this demand, yet in view of what the Director is prepared to press before the House on the score of impossibility to carry on the business of the Department effectively, in view of the small sum needed for the Department and also in view of the small relief to unemployment in the State, why not allow the amount in a liberal spirit? That is what I am thinking of.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): സർ, ഈ സഭയുടെ അംഗീകരണത്തിനായി സമർപ്പിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന സപ്ലിമെൻറിഗ്രാൻറിന്റെ ആദ്യഭാഗത്തിൽ ഉ ൦ ൦ രൂപായെ സംബന്ധിച്ചിടത്തോളം അതനുവദിക്കത്തക്കതല്ലെന്നുള്ള അഭിപ്രായത്തോടുകൂടി ഞാൻഅതിനെ എതിർക്കുന്നു. ഇതിനുള്ള കാരണം—

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DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You are not in order because cut motions are not allowed on supplementary demands. Therefore you will have to either accept the whole or reject the whole. That is the position.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Mr. T. P. Velayudhan Pillai wants a reduction of Rs. 500. I should think it is a specific cut and not a token cut and in that case I doubt whether the President's ruling will apply.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Let me hear Mr. Velayudhan Pillai on that point.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): ഇതൊരു സ്പെസിഫിക്ക് കട്ട് ആണ.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: But I do not find any notice of motion like that.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): സപ്ലിമെൻററി ഗ്രാൻറിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചിടത്തോളം സ്പെസഫിക്ക് കട്ടോ, ടോക്കൺ കട്ടോ ആവശ്യമില്ലാ എന്ന് ഇതിനുമുൻപു് രൂളിംഗ് ഉണ്ടെന്നാണ എൻറെ ഓർമ്മ.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: In such a case, you cannot make a definite proposal for the cut of a specific amount. So that you will have either to accept the whole amount or reject the whole amount. You cannot modify the amount.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): ഡിമാൻറിൻെറ ഒന്നാമത്തെ ഭാഗത്തെ ഞാൻ മുഴുവനും എതിർക്കുന്നു. എനിക്ക് ഈ സഭയിൽ പ്രതിപാദിക്കാനുള്ളതു് ഈ ഗ്രാൻറിൻെറ പ്രഥമഭാഗം സംബ്ധിയിൽനിന്നും ൪൦൦ രൂപാ കുറക്കണമെന്നുള്ളതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചുമാത്രമാണു്. സ്ക്കൗട്ട പ്രസ്ഥാനത്തിൻെറ പ്രവർത്തകന്മാർ തന്നെ സായമേവ അടുത്ത കാലത്തു ൫൦൦-ൽ ചിലപ്പോൾ രൂപാ ഇതേവരെയുണ്ടായിരുന്ന ചിലവിൽ കുറവു വരുത്തിയിട്ടുള്ളതായി ഈ സഭയിലെ വാദപ്രതിവാദത്തിൽനിന്നും വ്യക്തമായി. ഗവണ്മെൻറോ അല്ലെങ്കിൽ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറു ഹെഡോ ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നതു പ്രതിവർഷം ഈ വിഷയത്തിൽ ൫൦൦൦ രൂപാ അനുവദിക്കണമെന്നാണ്. ഫ്ലഡ് ലെബഡ്ജറു രൂപവൽക്കരണത്തിൽതന്നെ രണ്ടായിരത്തിയഞ്ചൂറു രൂപാ അനുവദിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന സ്ഥിതിക്കു ബാക്കിയുള്ള രണ്ടായിരത്തിയഞ്ചൂറു രൂപാകൂടി അനുവദിച്ചു കൊടുക്കേണ്ടതേയുള്ളു. എന്നാൽ ചെലവിൽ ഈയാണ്ടിൽ വ്യയസൂനീകരണം മൂലം കുറവു വരുത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു സമ്മതിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന സ്ഥിതിക്കു യാതൊരു വാദത്തിനും ഇടയാകാതെ എഡ്യൂക്കേഷൻ ഡയറക്ടർ തന്നെ ഈ ൫൦൦ രൂപാ ഗ്രാൻറിൽ കുറവു വരുത്തുന്നതിനു സമ്മതിക്കുമെന്നു ഞാൻ വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നു.

രണ്ടാമതായി എനിക്കു പ്രസ്താവിക്കാനുള്ളതു്—

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): Does the member know that, even though retrenchment has been effected in the salary of the Organiser and the office staff, that amount and even more is required for the purpose of Scout movement in the State ?

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : അത് ഇപ്പോൾ ഈ സഭയുടെ ആലോചനയ്ക്ക കാരണമായിട്ടില്ല. അങ്ങനെ കാരണമാകുന്ന അവസരത്തിൽ അതിനെക്കുറിച്ച പറഞ്ഞുകൊള്ളാം.

ഇനി എനിക്ക പറയുവാനുള്ളത തിരുവനന്തപുരം ഡിവിഷനൽ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരുടെ ആഫീസിലേക്ക ഇതര ആഫീസുകളെ അപേക്ഷിച്ച ര ണ്ട ക്ലാക്കന്മാരെ കൂടുതലായി നിയമിക്കേണ്ട ആവശ്യമുണ്ടോ ഇല്ലയോ എന്നുള്ള വാദത്തിൽ അടങ്ങിയിട്ടുള്ള തത്വത്തെപ്പറ്റിയാണ്. ഞാൻ മനസ്സിലാക്കിയിട്ടുള്ളതനുസരിച്ചും ഞാൻ ശേഖരിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള കണക്കനുസരിച്ചും മറ്റാഫീസുകളെ അപേക്ഷിച്ച് തിരുവനന്തപുരം ഡിവിഷനൽ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരുടെ ആഫീസിൽ ര ക്ലാക്കന്മാരുടെ ആവശ്യമുണ്ടെന്നുള്ള സംഗതി സമ്മതിച്ചേതീരൂ. തിരുവനന്തപുരം ഡിവിഷനൽ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർ ആപ്പീസിൽ മേൽനോട്ടം വഹിക്കേണ്ടതായിരിക്കുന്ന സ്ഥാപനങ്ങളുടെ എണ്ണം ഫസ്റ്റ ആണെന്നാണ കാണുന്നത്. അതായത് ഒര ഇംഗ്ലീഷ് സ്കൂളുകളും ഫസ്റ്റ ര മലയാളം സ്കൂളുകളും ഫസ്റ്റ അസിസ്റ്റൻറ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാരുടെയും ഇൻസ്പെക്ടസ്മാരുടെയും ആഫീസുകളും ആണ്. കൊല്ലം ഡിവിഷനൽ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരുടെ കീഴിൽ ഇംഗ്ലീഷ്സ്കൂളുകളും ഒന്ന മലയാളംസ്കൂളുകളും സെക്കൻഡ ഗ്രേഡ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാരുടെയും ഇൻസ്പെക്ടസ്മാരുടെയും ആഫീസുകളും സെക്കൻഡ ഇങ്ങനെ ആകെ വ്യത്യസ്ത സ്ഥാപനങ്ങളാണുള്ളത്. തിരുവല്ലാ ഡിവിഷനൽ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരുടെ കീഴിൽ വ അസിസ്റ്റൻറ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാരുടെയും ഇൻസ്പെക്ടസ്മാരുടെയും ആഫീസുകളും ഒൻ ഇംഗ്ലീഷ് പള്ളിക്കൂടങ്ങളും ഒന്ന മലയാളം പള്ളിക്കൂടങ്ങളും, ഇങ്ങനെ ആകെ ൻറ വ്യത്യസ്ത സ്ഥാപനങ്ങളുണ്ട്. ഈ കണക്ക നോക്കുമ്പോൾ മറ്റ ഡിവിഷനൽ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടറന്മാരുടെ ആഫീസുകളെ അപേക്ഷിച്ച ഏകദേശം ഒര ശതമാനത്തിൽക്കൂടുതൽ സ്ഥാപനങ്ങളും തിരുവനന്തപുരം ഡിവിഷനൽ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർ പരിശോധന വഹിക്കേണ്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നതായി കാണുന്നു. അതുകൊണ്ട് ഈ ഡിമാൻറ അനുവദിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്. എന്നാൽ സാങ്കേതികമായ തടസ്ഥത്തെ സംബന്ധിച്ചിടത്തോളം മി. ആശാൻറ അഭിപ്രായത്തോട യോജിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

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MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) : Sir, I support items Nos. 1 and II and oppose item No. III. After hearing my distinguished friend Mr. Thanu Pillai who happily happens to be the honorary treasurer of the Scout Association, I am persuaded to think that not only this amount but whatever amount that is absolutely essential for the successful working of the Association should be sanctioned.

As for the second item, it is eminently regretable to note that a person with such high qualifications and such brilliant testimonials from most of the distinguished scientists of the day should be given only such a small salary of Rs. 150, especially so when he is to be deputed to carry on a work which, according to the Director of Education himself, is to bring about a sure saving to Government.

As for the third item, I oppose the demand. Sir, one arresting feature in the budget of 1111 was the creation of numerous appointments, both temporary and permanent, and this House was magnanimous enough to grant the same. And now only a couple of months have gone by; and it is really surprising to see departmental heads one after another coming forward with demand after demand for supplementary grants. The demands for supplementary grants, I think, ought to be made to meet an unexpected necessity which was quite unforeseen when the budget was prepared. But I am not convinced from the speech of the Director that anything absolutely unforeseen has transpired within these two months as to necessitate these fresh appointments. Of late, Sir, the Director of Public Instruction, on the plea of want of funds, is erasing out of existence hundreds of primary schools and also is making proposals for emaciating the already insufficient income of the poor teachers of the primary schools. I would earnestly request the Director to divert his energies in this direction, *viz.*, the husbanding of the resources of the Department, by also demanding from his subordinate officers some honest and hard work, and thus avoid the creation of additional hands, which, despite the long speech of the learned Director, I still affirm to be not at all indispensable or necessary at this time of day. With these few words, I oppose the third item of the Demand.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Sir, regarding the first item, I have only to say that the Cochin Government is making a grant of Rs. 5,250 per year for the Boy Scouts Association besides giving an officer of the Education Department as a full-time Organising Secretary to the Scout movement and also an office building free of rent.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : Has it not been done here also ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : No. The Association has to pay rent.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I think that item of grant was not seriously opposed.

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MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Sir, in Mysore also the grant is about Rs. 16,250. In the light of these two facts about Mysore and Cochin, I am sure such of the honourable members as are still wavering will make up their minds in favour of the Demand.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): I would like to know what the member has to say with respect to the objection taken by Mr. T. P. Velayudhan Pillai that Rs. 500 out of the Demand for the Scout movement was not necessary.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Sir, I may say that, if this Rs. 500 is cut off, the Association will have to get on with the balance as best as it could. But, as I said, Sir, the movement is still in its infancy and there is enormous scope for expansion and development. Therefore any amount of money will be quite welcome. The more the money given the more will be the progress that this good movement will be able to make in the country.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): I wish to know from the Director whether he is prepared to accept the reduction of Rs. 500 that I proposed.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I do not agree, because I feel that every pie of the amount now asked for can be made good use of for the advancement of the movement in the State.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether any new or additional activities have been included in the programme for this year?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) Even for the normal expansion, the Association requires more money. There are still many schools without Scout troops. There are many teachers who have not been properly trained as Scout masters. The ordinary, normal expansion of the movement requires more and more funds as years advance. As for public subscriptions, we did make appeals to the public; but the response was not satisfactory. I can assure the House that, in spite of the poor response, the Headquarters Council will still continue to make further attempts in that direction.

I am glad, Sir, that there has been very little opposition or criticism against the second item; and I do not wish to say anything more about it.

With regard to the third item, I would again plead to this House to allow the Demand. The Head of the Education Department, who is responsible for the expenditure of such a large amount as half a crore of rupees, cannot be expected to come up before this House with a small Demand like this in any frivolous or light-hearted mood. As a result of actual experience, I have found, and my Divisional Inspectors have convinced me, that, without this small additional staff now asked for, very important work is being enormously delayed. I shall just give one instance, Sir.

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[Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan]

Until the Statham Report was implemented, we used to issue grant memos once in three years for all the primary schools, so that once a memo was issued for a school, the Inspectors can go to sleep for full three years. The schools will be getting the grants automatically for the three years. One of the most important recommendations of the Statham Report was that this practice should be put a stop to and that memos should be issued every year after inspection. This single, apparently small, item alone has increased the volume of work enormously.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): When was this recommendation given effect to?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): In 1110.

All the Inspectors are complaining that they are not able to issue the grant memos in time and that there is enormous delay. Although I have made it clear to them that those memos should be issued before Kanni, they have not so far been able to do it.

Take another instance, Sir. The grant of compassionate gratuity to the family of a deceased teacher now takes about two years and more. The Assistant Inspector has first to report on the application for the gratuity. The report then goes to the Divisional Inspector. With his report, it comes to my office. After scrutiny there, it goes to Government. On the whole, it takes about two years till the poor family gets the gratuity sanctioned. That, the House will agree, is really a very deplorable state of affairs.

MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Are there not similar delays in other departments also?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I am not concerned with other departments, Sir.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Was not the Director aware of these circumstances at the time the staff for his office and for the Inspectors' offices was fixed?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Reorganisation was made with the least possible increases of staff; and we did say at that time that, if experience showed that the work could not be carried on with the staff then proposed, we would ask for more.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Where was it stated that they would ask for more staff?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): That was what the Inspectors told the Director. The Director in his turn told the same thing to Government; and Government said that, if experience showed that the existing staff could not cope with the work, additional staff would be sanctioned.

Further, Sir, new items of work, which we did not and could not have contemplated at all, are coming up every year. For instance, we have had the standardisation which involved the preparation of proposi-

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tion statements, nomination rolls for the various schools, etc. All these have entailed enormous work not contemplated at all in the Education Reforms Report.

For all these reasons, I consider that the staff I have asked for is the irreducible minimum of addition required. After all, Sir, Rs. 1,610 for a year, for ten clerks on Rs. 20 each per mensem, is comparatively not a big matter at all. I hope the House will not grudge this small expenditure.

As for Mr. Thanu Pillai's figures, it will be admitted, Sir, that the only fair thing to do is to take the figures for the clerical staff. It will be seen that it was Rs. 16,000 in 1108, Rs. 18,000 in 1109 and Rs. 20,000 in 1110. All that I am now asking for is the restoration of three clerks that I had in 1110. They were removed merely because they were temporary.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Was not that temporary staff employed for a special purpose ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): No, Sir.

With regard to Mr. Thanu Pillai's figures, Sir, if you are going to take into account both salaries and establishment charges, it is only fair that you compare the present total expenditure on that account with what it was last year or the previous year. In fairness, we have to take into account not only the pay of the clerical staff and the officers in the office but also the pay of the Director. Enormous saving has been effected in the pay of the Director. Last year the Director was getting Rs. 2,500, while he is now being paid only Rs. 900

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Was not the number of clerks in 1110 the same as it is in 1111 ? The member was saying that three clerks have been reduced.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): There were three temporary clerks in 1110. They were taken away in 1111. All that I am now asking for is the restoration of those three clerks.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Was there any provision in the Budget for 1110 for these three clerks who, the Director now says, have been taken away this year ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I believe so.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Is the member making the statement that the Budget that was presented to this House for 1110 contained a provision for these three temporary clerks ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I believe so, Sir.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You cannot cross-examine the Director like that, Mr. Asan. Mr. Chandrasekharan has answered your question.

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MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): In any case, Sir, whether the Budget makes mention of these three temporary clerks or not, I did have them in 1110 and I do not have them now. They were taken away on the technical ground that they were temporary. As a matter of fact, I had these three clerks in three different important sections in my office, sections like the Financial and the Examination Sections. All of a sudden, from the beginning of this year, three important sections of my office have each lost one clerk, so that there is now considerable dislocation of work. Sir, what is the use of giving me a Financial Assistant on Rs. 200 or Rs. 250 if you are not going to give me the necessary number of clerks for dealing with the various returns, D. C. B. returns, Expenditure returns and other statements?

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) Who was responsible for these three clerks being taken away?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Government.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Did the Director send a timely request to Government that he needed these clerks?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: It is a matter of opinion as to whether the Director's request to Government was timely or not.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether the Director made any representation to Government about the need for these clerks?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir, he did, when he sent up his Budget for 1111.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I ask the Director whether the number of clerks in his office in 1110 was not 29, and whether it is not the same now also?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Mr. Krishna Pillai, did you get up before Mr. Chandrasekharan resumed his seat?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) He was just sitting as I was getting up.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Then I cannot allow you to put the question.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): I got up before he actually sat down.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: You mean that he was beginning to sit when you got up (*Laughter.*)

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) Yes, Sir.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Then you may put the question.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): The Budget for 1111 shows that the Director had 29 clerks in 1110 and still continues to have the same number this year also.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The figures are there; every member can see it. What is the use in your asking the question? The Director's words are not going to count more than what is printed in the Budget. I therefore disallow the question.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Did the Budget for 1110 make a provision for these three temporary clerks?

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*) : On a point of order, Sir. Can a member, with the Budget in his hand, put such a question for getting information about the contents of such Budget ?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : Exactly that was why I disallowed the question.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*) : I have just one question to ask, Sir (*Laughter.*)

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : You are out of time.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*) : The Director is not supposed to have resumed his seat (*Laughter.*)

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I cannot allow you to put the question.

Item 1, Rs. 2,500 for contribution to the Travancore Boys Scouts Association, was put to vote and declared carried. Then items 2, Rs. 1,200 for the appointment of a Research Chemist was declared carried. Lastly item 3, Rs. 1,610 for appointment of additional clerical staff in the offices of the Director of Public Instruction and Inspecting officers was declared carried.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : I demand a poll.

A poll was taken and the House divided as follows—

AYES—51.

1 Mr. N. Abdur Rahiman Sahib
2 ,, K. C. Abraham
3 ,, T. K. Alexander
4 ,, V. T. Chacko
5 ,, C. V. Chandrasekharan
6 ,, S. Chattanatha Karayalar
7 ,, A. Easvara Pillai (*Kottarakara*)
8 ,, Antony George
9 Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai
10 Mr. M. Govinda Pillai
11 Miss Hepzibah Gnanasikamony
12 Mr. M. Mahomed Haneef
13 ,, S. J. Nair
14 ,, M. K. Janardana Kamath
15 ,, T. S. Jayantan Nambootiri
16 ,, N. John Joseph
17 ,, J. M. Joseph
18 ,, T. C. Joseph
19 ,, K. C. Karunakaran
20 ,, N. Kesava Panickar
21 ,, T. T. Kesavan Sastri
22 ,, K. M. Krishnan
23 ,, E. V. Krishna Pillai
24 ,, N. K. Krishna Pillai
25 Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai
26 Mr. E. K. Kunjuraman
27 Mr. K. M. Kuriakose
28 ,, C. O. Madhavan
29 ,, K. Madhavan
30 ,, M. K. Madhavan Pillai
31 ,, K. Mahomed
32 ,, P. C. Narayanan Bhattatiripad
33 ,, K. A. Narayana Pillai
34 ,, Pacode A. Narayana Pillai
35 ,, P. K. Narayana Pillai
36 Srimati T. Narayani Amma
37 Mr. G. Nilakantan
38 ,, R. Nilakanta Pillai
39 ,, S. Nilakanta Pillai
40 ,, K. Padmanabhan
41 ,, N. K. Padmanabha Pillai
42 Rao Sahib S. Paramesvara Aiyar
43 Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai
44 ,, R. Pitchu Aiyangar
45 ,, V. Ramakrishna Panickar
46 ,, R. Raman Pillai
47 ,, R. Sambasiva Aiyar
48 ,, K. Sankaran
49 ,, M. Sivatanu Pillai
50 ,, T. C. Thommen
51 ,, John Whitely Tolson

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NOES—15.

1	Mr. P. Chidambaram Pillai	9	Mr.	Edavanatt S. Padmanabha Menon
2	,, A. S. Damodaran Assan.	10	,,	Kainikkara M. Padmanabha Pillai.
3	,, K. R. Elenkath	11	,,	R. Sivaraman Nair
4	,, K. P. Krishna Menon	12	,,	A. Thanu Pillai
5	,, Pottayil S. Krishna Panickar	13	,,	S. Thiraviam Nadar
6	,, Puthupalli S. Krishna Pillai	14	,,	N. E. Varughese
7	,, T. Krishna Pillai	15	,,	V. K. Velappan Nair
8	,, K. Kunjukrishna Pillai			

NEUTRALS—2.

1 Mr. P. C. Kurien 2 T. P. Velayudhan Pillai

The third item also was declared carried. The grant was made.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, before the next demand is moved, I would make a request with your leave, that two or three items of business appearing lower down in the agenda, on which I understand that there is not likely to be opposition, may be taken up if the House generally agrees.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Sir, I did not hear the Law Member.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): I was requesting the President to allow some items lower down the agenda to be taken up now, provided the House has no objection. I understand there will be no opposition to them. They are the Travancore Mechanical Lighters Bill, the Travancore Village Panchayat Regulation (Amendment) Bill, the Travancore Boilers Bill, and the motions regarding Select Committees for the Travancore Life Assurance Companies Bill and the Municipal Bills.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): I support the Law Member's motion, because the discussion upon the demands will probably take more time and the other matters may not be reached at all.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: There is nothing wrong in advancing a business which is lower down in the agenda. But in this case, there is the difficulty that they are things of a different genus. We are now dealing with the financial work and the Law Member's request is for advancing certain items in legislative work. I suppose precedents in this House are in favour of allowing it.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Yes.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: If the House agrees, I am prepared to allow it.

The House agreed to the request of Mr. Kayalam Parameswaran Pillai.

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